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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) San Diego – Flight Attendant Found Guilty of Airport Security and Money Transmitting Violations

(U) Between July and November 2017, Scott McKinney, a flight attendant based in California, conspired with others to operate an unlicensed money transmitting business and to violate airport security requirements. On several occasions, McKinney flew from California to New York to pick up packages containing \$50,000 or more in cash at JFK Airport or other locations in New York City. McKinney then flew back to California with the cash. On some of these occasions, McKinney was on the ground at JFK Airport for two hours or less before flying back to California. At the time of these trips, McKinney did not have a money transmitting license in New York or California and was not registered as a money transmitter with the US Department of the Treasury's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network. To facilitate his illegal money transmitting business, McKinney used the Known Crewmember ("KCM") lane to bypass regular airport security screening.

SOURCE: 13 July 2018, [STL News](#)

(U) Visalia – Police Arrest Nine Norteño Gang Members

(U) A June stabbing resulted in the arrest of nine Norteño gang members yesterday. The investigation began on the night of 4 June when officers were called to a stabbing near the Transit Center at 425 E. Oak St. Officers with the Violent Crimes Unit began an investigation and soon discovered that several members of a Norteño street gang attacked the victim. Yesterday, law enforcement officers took to the streets in search of the suspects, with search warrants, the suspects were successfully detained.

SOURCE: 12 July 2018, [Visalia Times Delta](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) California – 14 Illegal Aliens Arrested After CBP Interdicts Human Smuggling Operation

(U) Blythe Station Border Patrol agents assigned to the Highway 78 Immigration Checkpoint near Palo Verde, California arrested 14 illegal aliens after they attempted to circumvent the checkpoint on foot. Thirteen were Mexican nationals and one was a Guatemalan national. All were determined to have been part of a human smuggling attempt and were processed for removal proceedings.

SOURCE: 12 July 2018, [Arizona Daily Independent](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Maryland – 10 Plead Guilty in Prison Smuggling Scheme

(U) Baltimore – Two former correctional officers and eight other defendants have pleaded guilty for their role in a smuggling ring that brought drugs and other contraband into a Jessup maximum-security prison, according to court records and the state prosecutor's office. The officers were among 18 defendants indicted earlier this year after a year-long wiretap investigation by state agencies found

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widespread smuggling into the Jessup Correctional Institution. Six inmates and 10 "outside facilitators" were also charged with conspiracy to distribute drugs, bribery, smuggling contraband and misconduct. SOURCE: 12 July 2018, [Baltimore Sun](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) Australia – Police Seize Drugs and Guns In Tasmania**

(U) Tasmania – Tasmania Police has seized almost half a million dollars' worth of drugs bound for the Australia's streets, along with 11 firearms and suspected stolen property. The drugs include heroin, ice, MDMA and cannabis. The substances were seized following police raids in the Launceston suburbs of Newstead and St Leonards yesterday. Eleven guns, plus suspected stolen power tools, mountain bikes, motorbikes and a boat were also seized. Tasmania Police Detective Inspector Gary Williams said the number of drugs seized was significant. "Tasmania is not immune to the scourge of amphetamine within Australia but finding that amount in one search is not something that happens very often," he said. SOURCE: 13 July 2018, [ABC News](#)

(U) Pakistan – Bomb Kills 20, Injures 40 at Pakistan Election Rally

(U) Islamabad – A bomb killed at least 20 people and injured 40 others, many critically today during a rally in Pakistan's restive Balochistan province, in the day's second attack on a political event ahead of the 25 July election. "Twenty people were killed in the blast and we fear this toll may rise," Agha Umar Bungalzai, provincial home minister, told AFP, adding that more than 40 were wounded in Mastung town, near the provincial capital of Quetta. Agha Umar Bungalzai, provincial home minister, also confirmed the explosion killed Siraj Raisani, who was running for a provincial seat with Balochistan Awami Party (BAP).

SOURCE: 12 July 2018, [Daily Sabah](#)

(U) Saudi Arabia – ISIS Group Claims Attack on Saudi Prison Guards

(U) Cairo – The Islamic State of Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) has claimed responsibility for an attack on Saudi prison security guards in al-Qassim earlier in the week. The group's digital magazine al-Nabaa in its issue today said three militants attacked a gathering of guards from al-Tarfiya prison on Sunday, killing and wounding a number of them without saying how many. The ISIS magazine said three militants were killed by Saudi security police. The Saudi Interior Ministry said at the time that a Saudi security official and a bystander were killed

SOURCE: 13 July 2018, [Associated Press](#)

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